



## Division of Global Public Health Capacity Development

# Global Health Activities

### Background

Since 1980, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Global Public Health Capacity Development (DGPCHD) has been working with foreign Ministries of Health (MOHs) to create strong, effective, sustainable programs to improve public health systems on local, regional, and national levels.

### Field Epidemiology and Management Capacity Building Programs

DGPCHD supports the development of Field Epidemiology (and Laboratory) Training Programs (FE[L]TPs) and management capacity development programs. These programs allow MOHs to strengthen their disease surveillance, outbreak response, leadership and management, and program evaluation.

DGPCHD's team of physicians, epidemiologists, public health advisors, management trainers and consultants, instructional designers, health communications specialists, and support staff provide scientific, technical, and programmatic assistance in the following three areas:

**Applied Epidemiology:** DGPCHD works with MOHs and other public health institutions to strengthen their countries' epidemiology workforce through FE(L)TPs, which are residency-based programs in applied epidemiology and laboratory practice. A combination of classroom-based instruction and mentored practical work allows residents to receive hands-on multi-disciplinary training in public health surveillance, outbreak

investigation, laboratory management, program evaluation, and other aspects of epidemiology research and methods. DGPCHD typically supports FE(L)TPs by assigning experienced resident advisors in-country. They provide technical assistance in developing training materials, teaching and mentoring program residents, and giving consultation on priority public health issues.

### *Public Health Surveillance and Response Systems:*

DGPCHD works with partner MOHs to strengthen their public health surveillance and response systems for priority disease conditions. FE(L)TP residents learn detection, confirmation, reporting, analysis and feedback of disease data, as well as implementation of effective public health responses in a participatory approach. As graduates, they apply these skills in

their work for the MOH to operate and further strengthen the public health surveillance and response systems and to use the information for more effective disease detection, control, and prevention.

### *Public Health Leadership and Management:*

DGPCHD helps countries develop sustainable public health capacity to deliver effective leadership and management development programs. Through strategic partnerships with public

health training institutions, faculty development in the Management for International Public Health course, and technical program assistance, DGPCHD develops leadership and management programs for public health professionals. The programs combine experiential training and supervised applied management improvement projects to help public health professionals acquire the knowledge and skills needed to improve organizational performance, shape the public health agenda, and strengthen public health practice in their countries.

### 2009 PROGRAM UPDATES

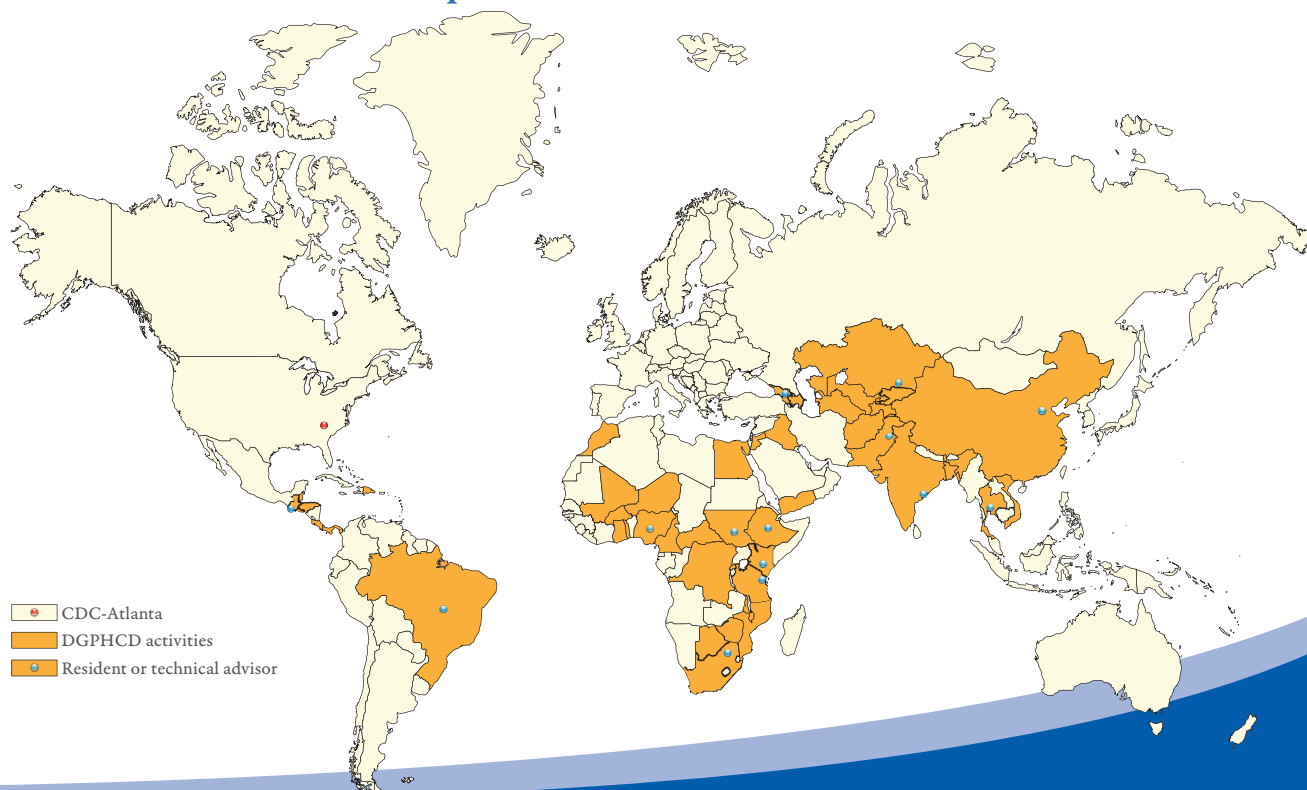
DGPCHD supports programs in 32 countries. The division is supporting 12 FE(L)TPs in 23 countries with the help of 17 resident advisors and providing technical assistance to 5 self-sustained mature FETPs, with the help of 1 technical advisor. In addition, DGPCHD is developing 10 FE(L)TPs in 13 countries. The division also provides management training and support in 8 countries.

2009	Program/country*	Program Total	Country Total	Advisor Total
<b>Division-supported FE(L)TPs**</b>	Central America (3) ( <i>Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras</i> ), Central Asia (1) ( <i>Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan</i> ), China (2), Ethiopia (1), Ghana, India (1) ( <i>Chennai, New Delhi</i> ), Kenya (2) ( <i>includes South Sudan</i> ), Nigeria (1), Pakistan (1), South Africa (2), South Caucasus (2) ( <i>Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia</i> ), Tanzania (1)	12	23	17
<b>Self-sustained FETPs with partial division support</b>	Brazil (1), Egypt, Jordan, Thailand (2), Zimbabwe	5	5	3
<b>FE(L)TPs in development</b>	Afghanistan, Belize, Bangladesh, Central Africa, Iraq, Morocco, Panama, Rwanda, West Africa (Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Togo), Yemen	10	13	—
<b>Division-supported Management Capacity Building Programs</b>	Botswana, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Vietnam	8	8	—

\*Numbers in parentheses indicate number of resident advisors or technical advisors assigned to the program or country.

\*\*The division supports both FE(L)TPs and Management Capacity Building Programs in Ethiopia, Ghana, Georgia, Nigeria, and Rwanda.

### Map of DGPHCD Activities for 2009



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